



Funeral procession outside Old City of Jerusalem of youth killed at the Kalandia riot yesterday. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Arab youth killed at Kalandia

Jerusalem Post Reporter
An Arab youth was yesterday shot dead by army gunfire at Kalandia, north of Jerusalem, in yet another outbreak of anti-Israel riots which flared in many parts of the West Bank.

The death of Abdullah Mustafa Hawas, 20, followed one of several riots protesting the death of 17-year-old Lina Ezzaman Nabulsi who was shot by a soldier in Nabulus on Sunday. Hawas, a resident of the northern Jerusalem suburb of Shu'afat, was the ninth Arab to die in recent anti-Israel demonstrations in the West Bank.

Hawas was shot in the head at the entrance of his vocational training school in Kalandia while watching other youngsters who trapped three soldiers in an army truck at a roadblock they erected on the Jerusalem-Ramallah highway.

Military Government circles said that as in the case of the Nabulsi girl, Hawas' death was being investigated. Unconfirmed reports last night said that Chief of Staff R/A Mordechai Gur was personally following up the inquiry.

The same sources added that the military authorities were now implementing a new policy of instantly imposing curfews at the scenes of clashes to avoid direct contact between troops and rioters.

Hawas was buried yesterday evening in the cemetery in the Old City of Jerusalem after prayers at al-Aksa mosque. His funeral was attended by thousands of mourners.

The authorities yesterday imposed curfews on several parts of the West Bank towns of Jenin, Nabulus and the nearby Balata refugee camp where youths staged violent riots. Troops also broke up a demonstration in Ramallah, where several roadblocks were set up.

Ulster death toll hits 13 in 2 days

BELFAST. — Terrorist gunmen murdered two Protestant brothers working in an egg-packing plant yesterday bringing the death toll in 48 hours of sectarian savagery to 13, police reported.

Police sources blamed the Irish Republican Army's "Provisional" wing for the double slaying. (UPI)

Giscard in U.S.

WASHINGTON. — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing opened a six-day bi-centennial visit here yesterday, celebrating the key role France played in helping America forge its independence two centuries ago.

Giscard crossed the Atlantic aboard the Concorde supersonic transport and was greeted by President Ford at an elaborate White House welcoming ceremony.

After his arrival was signalled by a 21-gun salute, Giscard stepped to the podium on the White House lawn and stressed the timelessness of the concepts which initially brought the two countries together.

Ford used the occasion to thank France for having sent its "sons as well as its treasure to help an infant republic win its independence." But he said that close cooperation between the two countries is "more crucial than ever."

After the 25-minute ceremony, held under overcast skies, the two presidents met for almost two hours in the White House. At Andrews Air Force base, thousands of Washingtonians turned out for the arrival of the snop-nosed Concorde after its three-hour, 37-minute flight from Paris. (AP)

Russian group in Amman U.S. cuts cost of Hawks for Jordan

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S., in a last-minute effort to preclude the sale of a Soviet-built air defence system to Jordan, has reduced from \$800m. to \$625m. the cost of an American advanced Hawk system.

(A high level Soviet military delegation headed by Deputy Defence Minister and Air Force Commander Marshal Pavel Kutakhov arrived in Amman yesterday for talks to discuss Jordan's air defence needs. American sources were quoted as saying in Amman that a high U.S. defence official will visit Amman this week to try to salvage the Hawk deal.)

The reduced cost would include a less sophisticated Hawk system, American sources here said, but would include the 14 batteries Jordan ordered.

The State Department said yesterday that it was waiting to see if Jordan could come up with the money for the Hawk deal. Saudi Arabia had originally agreed to finance \$350m. of the sale, but has been reluctant to

increase its contribution.

But the Saudis, who are anti-Soviet, may eventually agree to the increase in order to avoid closer ties between Moscow and Amman.

American officials declined yesterday to say that the U.S.-Jordan hawk deal had collapsed, insisting that they were waiting for developments. Earlier, Secretary of State Kissinger and other American officials maintained that negotiations with the Jordanians were continuing.

The problem of the price for the sale originated after Jordanian Defence Ministry officials decided that they would like to attach considerable quantities of sophisticated items to the original Hawk sale, totalling about \$350m.

The Raytheon Corporation, the makers of the Hawk system, suggested an approximately 450m. increase for the items Jordan wanted — but the Saudis balked at the price.

Jordan has repeatedly warned that it would go elsewhere for arms if the U.S. were unable to meet its requests.

K hopes for Mideast progress in three years

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Kissinger says that it is only a matter of time before the diplomatic momentum starts again in the Middle East.

In an interview televised yesterday on NBC's "Today" show, the Secretary expressed hope that substantial progress towards a Middle East settlement might be achieved during the next three years.

While he foresaw no likelihood for progress now, Kissinger said he still believed that "the chief element for it exists."

Public drinking banned in Egypt

CAIRO. — Egypt's Parliament yesterday passed a law imposing a partial ban on alcoholic beverages in the country, the Middle East News Agency said.

The ban applies to public rather than private drinking. It increases penalties for drunkenness from one week's imprisonment, or \$25 fine, to jail terms ranging from two weeks to six months and a fine of \$50 to \$250.

The agency said the measure provides for cancellation of liquor licenses issued to public places except for those frequented by tourists such as hotels and restaurants. The law also bans liquor advertisements in all media, it said. (UPI)

Asked to comment on Prime Minister Rabin's statement last week that Syria might now be more receptive to negotiations with Israel, Kissinger said that until now the Syrians have not wanted to negotiate a separate settlement with Israel.

When Rabin was in Washington earlier this year, Kissinger continued, the United States and Israel agreed to explore possibilities for further progress. But the fighting in Lebanon has blocked this exploration, he added.

Kissinger, apparently catching the White House by surprise, also said he would "prefer" to resign no matter what the outcome of the November presidential election.

"I don't want to tie the conduct of foreign policy to me personally," Kissinger said in an interview on the NBC "Today" show. "If a foreign policy is well-designed, then it should be able to be carried out by many people. So, on the whole, I would prefer not to stay."

White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen said President Ford was unaware Kissinger was going to disclose his desire to leave the cabinet after the election.

Nessen said Ford "knew he was going to be on the show," but did not inform the President of his remarks beforehand. Ford, he noted, is on record as wanting Kissinger to stay on in the cabinet if he gains the Republican nomination and wins election this fall.

Capital burns, 247 killed Savage gun duels rock Beirut area

BEIRUT. — Libya joined a growing list of foreign mediators in Lebanon's civil war yesterday as shelling between Christian gunmen and the leftist Muslim-Palestinian alliance kept residential areas in a state of terror.

Maj. Abdul Salam Jalloud, Libya's Prime Minister, flew into Beirut from Damascus accompanied by Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat. They arrived as small arms battles and an artillery duel continued in Beirut and surrounding areas. Police said 27 more persons were killed during the day. Shelling stepped up as night fell.

Jalloud and Arafat immediately started talks with Mufti Sheikh Hassan Khaled of the Moslem Sunni community. They had conferred in Damascus on Sunday with President Assad, but no details about their talks were released. Jalloud will stay at the Libyan Embassy here for talks with a number of Lebanese political leaders.

More horror stories were reported from the fierce, mid-city artillery duel which took 221 lives overnight. Beirut radio, controlled by leftist Muslims, said shells hit a boarding school at the Palestinian refugee camp of Tel Zaatar killing 10 children and wounding 40.

Tel Zaatar is a besieged enclave within a Christian-held area which includes the eastern half of Beirut and a narrow rectangle along the Mediterranean coast north of the capital. Beirut radio warned people to stay inside except for urgent business, and take shelter in basements when shells fell.

A tank battle continued for the ski resort of Faraya, above the Christian port of Jounieh. The electricity authority, citing lack of fuel oil and damaged power lines, announced staggered cuts in power to various areas of Beirut and its suburbs.

A rocket shell fell nearby as President Suleiman Franjeh met with his designated successor, Elias Sarkis, in the Christian enclave. Police said many areas of Beirut were reduced to "a mixture of rubble and pools of blood."

"It was a deluge of rocket and bomb terror," the spokesman said. "The combatants were simply out of their minds, randomly shelling residential areas."

More than 1,000 rounds of Soviet-made rockets as well as 155-mm. Howitzer cannon shells were fired overnight, knocking down dozens of buildings in Beirut's Moslem and Christian quarters, the spokesman said. The wall of ambulance sirens never ceased during the dusk to dawn battle. Hospitals reported casualties lined up on the floor in corridors. They issued appeals for blood.

The fire department said scores of high-rise apartment buildings were ablaze in Beirut and the suburbs. It appealed for "at least a few hours of cease-fire" to put out the fires. (AP)

Ford seen trailing Reagan Israel arms mission to Washington

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — President Ford is believed to have an edge over Ronald Reagan going into today's primaries in Michigan and Maryland. But win or lose, Ford will still trail Reagan in the race for convention delegates.

The importance of today's vote, especially in Michigan, is mostly psychological. Ford, who has fared poorly in the primaries than any Republican president since 1912, must slow down Reagan's momentum if he expects to win the nomination.

Rogers C. B. Morton, Ford's campaign manager, admits that a loss in Michigan, Ford's home state, might doom Ford's candidacy.

Over the weekend, the former California governor picked up 18 delegates in Oklahoma, 12 in Missouri, nine in Louisiana and five in Virginia during party meetings. Ford gained two in Virginia and six in Missouri.

Even if the President were to win all 43 Republican delegates in Maryland and 84 in Michigan he cannot overtake Reagan, who has 476 of the 1,130 delegates needed for the nomination. Ford has 331 delegates and 371 are uncommitted.

Meanwhile, two prominent Republican liberals claim that their party would face disaster in the November general election with Ronald Reagan as its presidential nominee.

The claim, made over the week-end (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

WASHINGTON. — Israel is awaiting final congressional and administration approval of the pending foreign aid bill before dispatching to the U.S. an important military delegation, informed sources here revealed yesterday.

The sources, who would not reveal for publication the specific purpose of the delegation, said only that it was designed to implement a previously-approved U.S. arms sale to Israel that was to be financed by the pending bill.

The House and Senate are scheduled to vote later this week on compromise two-year foreign aid authorization bills, necessitated because of President Ford's veto earlier this month of the original package. The President objected to foreign policy restrictions contained in the measure.

But most of those restrictions have been removed in the revised bill, which includes some \$4.5b. in economic and military grants and loans for Israel during the 1976 and 1977 fiscal years and the three-month transition quarter.

Israel is hopeful that the new package will win final congressional approval before June 30, when large-scale debts for arms purchases are due.

Quake hits Soviet Central Asia, casualties unknown

MOSCOW. — A powerful earthquake yesterday rocked wide areas of Soviet Central Asia, causing serious damage, Moscow Radio said. No casualty figures were given although the official news agency Tass spoke of quake victims.

The quake struck yesterday morning, with its epicentre in the Kyzylkum desert of Uzbekistan. There it registered nine points on the 12-point Soviet earthquake scale, a force officially described as devastating to any human community.

The nearest populated centres to yesterday's quake were two small desert towns — Gazi, 70 kilometres south of the epicentre, where the quake registered eight points, and Tumbayulak, 120 kilometres to the northeast, where it reached over seven.

Tass said the quake caused damage in some places, though the agency did not say where. It added that prompt measures were being taken "to eliminate the aftermath of the quake and give relief to quake victims."

Officials in the ancient Uzbek cities of Tashkent, Samarkand and Bukhara, contacted by telephone from Moscow, said the tremor had caused little or no damage there. Yesterday's quake was slightly stronger than a tremor in almost exactly the same area on April 8, which Tass said had caused some damage in Gazi and also damaged several buildings in Bukhara, though without causing casualties.

A report yesterday in the government evening newspaper "Izvestia" indicated that the worst damage this time was in Gazi, which in 1970 had 7,800 people, many of them employed at nearby plants extracting natural gas. (Reuters)

On the face of it, the close margin in 1974 gives Peres good reason to assume that in a vote today he could close the gap. After all, in 1974 Pinhas Sapir threw the whole weight of his great influence into a desperate stop-Peres effort, and he is no longer alive.

But some observers believe this calculation is not necessarily well-founded — or at least not well-founded enough to encourage Peres to risk on open challenge at this time. He has recently alienated dovish and middle-of-the-road opinion within the party by his open espousal of the Gush Eumunim in the Camp David affair. Moreover, the very act of forcing Rabin's resignation would not, it is argued, endear him to party loyalists.

Rabin, the observers say, is plagued by similar doubts. Since his narrow victory over Peres in 1974 he has squandered some of the support naturally accruing to a party leader and premier by his

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"Obviously though," this party central figure said, "last week's exchange will leave an indelible scar."

The party must brace itself to reopen the leadership stakes in a year or 14 months from now, when the build-up for the national elections begins. Rabin and Peres would probably not be the only candidates. Abba Eban had said that he would run, and there might be others.

Analysing the motives behind last week's unprecedentedly sharp exchanges between Rabin and Peres, political observers recall the relatively close margin (10 per cent) by which Rabin defeated Peres in the party election two years ago.

"Neither man has forgotten it," said one shrewd observer. "The memory of it has continued to fuel Peres' ambitions — and Rabin's suspicions."

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IDF probes cases in which rioters shot

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

The IDF is studying at the highest level recent cases in which West Bank rioters or bystanders have been accidentally hit by warning shots fired by troops. The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur, personally took up the case of Lina Nabulsi, who was shot dead by a stray bullet in Nabulus on Sunday, the IDF spokesman said yesterday.

Military sources however drew a clear distinction between the Nabulsi incident and yesterday's death of a youth in Kalandia. In the latter case, the soldiers were trapped in a dangerous situation and opened fire only to extricate themselves, it was stressed.

The sources indicated that rioters had recently taken to attacking soldiers in a manner which endangered their lives. As a result warning shots are fired and "there are sometimes errors," the sources said.

There has been no change in the

conduct of the troops or the manner in which orders are being carried out, the sources stressed. Warning shots are fired hundreds of times, and there are casualties in only a small percentage of cases, the Post was told. The violence of the demonstrators and the dangerous situations in which troops not trained in handling rioters find themselves, make it difficult to avoid errors.

Investigation of the recent mishap may lead to some changes. More training time may be devoted to riot dispersal and police-type equipment may be acquired, such as tear gas dispensers or rubber bullets.

However, observers consider it unlikely that the military authorities will consider avoiding contact with rioters. This would be taken as an abdication from the responsibility of maintaining order in the areas controlled by the IDF, one observer said.

Steel City foundry will remain closed — manager

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — Eight Steel City workers held responsible for Sunday's shutdown of the steel foundry will be fired from their jobs, general manager Uri Bar-Ratzen said yesterday. But he added that the foundry would remain shut down, saying "we are not going to take on workers from the employment exchange when we have redundant workers in Steel City."

On Sunday morning, the eight workers — resentful of the cancellation of their automatic premium benefits due to low productivity — had refused to remove 80 tons of molten steel from the electric arc furnace when it was ready for casting. As the molten metal could not be allowed to remain in the furnace without damaging it, the management ordered it dumped on the floor — a loss of over IL200,000. Normally, the molten metal is poured into ingot forms where the steel is enabled to cool slowly.

Acre Labour Council secretary Yitzhak Haziza, while blaming the management for keeping the foundry shut, yesterday made it clear that both the council and the shop committee regarded the men's action as "irresponsible and indefensible."

"They defied not only company orders but violated a basic rule of conduct in a labour dispute," he added. "Moreover they weakened the workers' case in its dispute with the management."

Haziza said, however, that four foremen had told him that when the men had refused to cast the molten metal, they had volunteered to do it themselves, but were refused by the manager. "It looks as though Koor (the Histadrut enterprise that owns Steel City) is using the foundry incident to force through its reform programme," he alleged.

The original dispute centres over Koor's insistence on transferring 40 redundant workers from the rolling mill to the foundry, in a step aimed at healing the ailing enterprise which is reportedly losing IL3m. a month. Haziza said yesterday that the council and workers committee had already agreed to have 20 men transferred when the foundry incident occurred.

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Labour bid to avert showdown between Rabin and Peres

By ASHER WALLFISH and DAVID LANDAU

The Labour Party appears to be receding from the spectre of a no-holds-barred showdown between Prime Minister Rabin and Defence Minister Peres. Party keymen believe a fight to the finish between the two men at this time could irreparably damage Labour's image and its electoral prospects.

While they feel the showdown cannot ultimately be avoided, the party keymen are seeking this week to "put a lid" on the dispute, and thereby keep the Cabinet together for another year or so — until the next Knesset elections are in sight. The elections must be held by December 1977.

The party managers admit that their efforts can only succeed, however, if Rabin and Peres themselves are prepared to cool their conflict, at least temporarily. If either of them decides to force the issue, a

full-fledged crisis is unavoidable, the party keymen concede. There was much guessing, but no hard information, in political circles yesterday as to whether the two protagonists would in fact ease up on their public attacks on each other, or whether either or both of them are still spoiling for a fight to the finish.

Labour's powerful regional secretaries are due to meet with Rabin on Thursday, and they are expected to press him to ease up. "We don't want a rift now," Jerusalem Secretary Uri Baran told The Post's Joshua Brillant. His sentiments were echoed by Dov Ben-Meir, the Tel Aviv Secretary.

A leading ex-Rabin member agreed with the view of party keymen, that a premature reopening of the leadership struggle could be severely damaging. "That's the last thing the country needs now," he said. He denied reports that the ex-Rabin faction had met to make battle plans on behalf of Peres. "I'm sure there

will be men of goodwill in the party who will arrange a sultra between Peres and Rabin," he said.

Some Labour veterans are uncomfortable with reports that party secretary-general Meir Zarmi intends to mediate between the Premier and the Defence Minister, meeting privately first with Rabin and then with Peres in an effort to conciliate between them.

"That would be just childish," said one central figure in the party. A more dignified course he said, would be for one or several of the party's veterans to address a public plea to Rabin and Peres, at an appropriate party forum, to set aside their differences — for the good of the party. Zarmi could do this at an upcoming meeting of the Leadership Bureau, and it is to be hoped that would mark the end of the episode — for the immediate future.

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French President Giscard d'Estaing kisses Betty Ford's hand as she and President Ford (partially hidden) welcome him to the White House yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

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Bombs in French, German cities
PARIS. — Extremists set off bombs outside the right-wing newspaper "L'aurora" early yesterday, threw firebombs at two German-registered cars, set off an explosive device outside a Spanish firm and touched off a powerful explosion in front of the Palace of Justice in Angoulême, 500 kms. southwest of Paris. Police reported damage in each attack, but said there were no casualties. No group claimed responsibility for the bombings, which continued a wave of violence in France following the suicide of West German anarchist leader Ullrich Meinhof nine days ago in her Stuttgart jail cell. In West German incidents yesterday — firebombs were thrown at Turkish consulates in Frankfurt, Cologne and Essen, causing an estimated \$16,000 damage, investigators said. No injuries were reported. Police said they were seeking a motive for the attacks. (AP)

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	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	75	20-27	20-30
Golan	19	20-30	20-30
Nahariya	79	19-24	18-26
Safad	28	17-27	15-25
Haifa Port	32	19-26	18-25
Tiberias	25	18-27	18-25
Nazareth	39	19-32	20-32
Afula	25	18-33	18-33
Shomron	22	20-33	20-31
Tel Aviv	78	17-23	18-25
B-C Airport	58	16-28	18-30
Jericho	30	20-34	20-38
Gaza	77	19-35	19-38
Bearsheva	35	17-30	18-32
Eilat	24	24-35	25-35
Tiran Straits	24	25-31	24-34

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer.

The Ambassador of Norway and Mrs. Odd Jakobsen gave a reception at their residence in Herzliya Pituah yesterday to mark Norway's national day. Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yehyahu, Foreign Minister Yigal Alon, and Health Minister Victor Shavitov were among the guests.

The outgoing Japanese ambassador, Kazuhiko Komuro, met yesterday with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Jerusalem.

The President's wife, Nina Katzir; Education Minister Aharon Yadin; Mayor Teddy Kollek; and Elio V. Ortiz, Ambassador of Panama and Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, addressed an assembly last night in the Jerusalem Theatre, marking the opening of Children's Week in Israel.

A reception in honour of the members of the voluntary tourist service in Tel Aviv, headed by Tony Morgenstern, national president, was held yesterday by the Jewish National Fund.

A grove of trees in honour of Annette and Richard A. Bloch of Kansas City was dedicated in their presence yesterday in the American Bicentennial Park of the Jewish National Fund, on the occasion of Mr. Bloch's 50th birthday.

The Israel Bond Tri-State Delegation met with Ambassador Simcha Pratt at the Hilton Hotel in Jerusalem yesterday evening.

Ashdod auto plant locked out today

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — The local automobile assembly plant, Ashdod Automotive Industry Ltd., is to close down today following a dispute in which workers have staged a go-slow and sit-down strike.

Last-minute efforts to prevent the lockout were being made by Histadrut officials who met last night at Histadrut headquarters in Tel Aviv with representatives of the workers and management.

The head of the works committee which represents 260 of the 340 workers at the plant, Yitzhak Cohen, said that the workers were demanding significant wage increases, premiums, and profit-sharing.

"Besides our low wages, we re-

ceive only small change to buy work clothes. During the past few years the company, which assembles Mack trucks and Leyland trucks and buses, made huge profits. When we demanded wage increases, we were told that they could not do anything since there was a wage freeze. Now they tell us that there is a slump in the trade."

Eliyahu Barak, the plant manager, told *The Jerusalem Post* there was a slump in the economy and "we feel it." A year ago the plant was assembling between 120 and 160 automobiles a month, and now only 60. Therefore, they had to fire at least 100 workers and pay them severance pay. The workers were demanding increased severance pay. Barak also emphasized that they would not be able to give more than the agreed 6 per cent wage increase, while the workers were demanding double or triple this amount.

Barak said since the beginning of this year they had not received any orders to assemble buses. A couple of years ago, they were working at full capacity, with a waiting list of orders for the local market. Because of this, they had not developed an export branch, and it would take them about a year to start assembling for export if orders were received. He believed that the Ministries of Finance, Transport, and Defence should find an interim programme of work to see them over the slump.

Yitzhak Cohen warned that they would not let the management close down the plant today. "We will only use force if they make us," he said. (RM)

Dry hole at A-Tur, but oil search continues

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The first of a series of offshore drillings near A-Tur in the Gulf of Suez has turned out to be a dry hole. The 2,300 metre, 125m. hole yielded nothing but a shuddering drop of oil shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Oil experts and geologists, however, believe that this is still far from being the last word in the oil search. The area faces the highly productive Morgan field in the Gulf. An Egyptian oil drilling during the sixties also yielded oil nearby. This well has, however, been written off for technical reasons.

Attempts will be made to deepen

the present hole before writing it off, or striking oil. Additional holes will be drilled in adjacent areas in the near future.

At Ashdod two Lapidot rig crews are now engaged in lowering casings to protect the bore hole and ready it for first pumping attempts. The tests have shown that the dolomite rock in which the oil was discovered 2580 metres below the surface is sufficiently porous to permit the flow of oil, if it exists in sufficient quantities to permit pumping.

Alternatively, the geologists have chemical, mechanical and other means to "induce" the underground strata to release their black treasure. But the experts remain very cautious in their appraisal of the chances. "A single oil strike is like a single swallow — it doesn't mean a damn thing," one geologist told *The Jerusalem Post* here yesterday.

The pumping test at Ashdod will probably be carried out this week. Here, as at A-Tur and the southern part of the Heletz field, promising bore holes will all be deepened, as part of the accelerated national oil drilling programme.

A MIRVE (ritual bath) is to be officially dedicated today, Lag Ba'Omer, in the Givat Mordechai section of Jerusalem. The ILM structure is a joint effort of the Ministries of Interior and Religious Affairs and the Jerusalem Municipality.



A Lag Ba'Omer bonfire in Jerusalem's Katamon quarter last night. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Thousands at Meron for Lag Ba'Omer

By YESHAYAHU ASHETI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MERON. — Over 100,000 persons, the biggest crowd since the Yom Kippur War, arrived here yesterday for the annual Lag Ba'Omer festival, at the traditional site of the tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai.

The celebrations started in the afternoon, with an assembly at the Old City home of the Abu family. It was the 143rd consecutive celebration, since the Abu's forefather, consul of France in Safad, discovered the service hundreds of singing youths, accompanied by bands, carried a Torah scroll through the twisted Old City lanes, as women sprayed them with perfume. In the new city the scroll was placed on a decorated van and driven to Meron.

There a makeshift tent city had been put up during the day, and holiday-makers arrived in droves. A police helicopter hovered overhead to direct traffic, including 1,000 special egg buses. Several hundred police, Border Police and soldiers guarded the site, which was fully illuminated and served by a network of loudspeakers.

By the evening the Magen David Adom personnel at the site had dealt with 200 cases of diarrhoea, fever, minor injuries and burns. Two persons suffered heart attacks and one child had to be taken to hospital with pneumonia.

Throughout the country, the holiday was marked by bonfires — and by weddings, as Lag Ba'Omer is a break in the mourning period between Pesach and Shavuot.

In the South, some 10,000 Gaden youths gathered in the development town of Ofakim for a day of solidarity. The procession to the assembly featured the Israel Defence Forces marching band and a camel train.

Bid to avert showdown

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sources — is that Peres might decide to move against Rabin with the ultimate aim of replacing him with a more amenable ex-Mapai leader, rather than necessarily taking the premiership himself. Peres' outburst at Rabin last Thursday was brought on by insulting references to him in a "Ha'aretz" interview with "a source who knows Rabin well" (rumoured to have been Rabin himself) — and Peres made it clear that he was not prepared to let such insults to go unanswered. According to some sources, he may reach the conclusion that his status and authority as Defence Minister are being intolerably — and, in Peres' view, deliberately — undermined by Rabin, and that the situation cannot continue, even on an interim basis.

He would then make a bid for the premiership himself, but would be prepared, as second-best, to accept Rabin's replacement by another of the ex-Mapai hopefuls, such as Eban or Zadok.

Peres is known to maintain cordial relations with Eban, despite the disparity of their political views (Eban is a pronounced dove). Clara Genis buried

Clara Genis, victim of the terrorist blast in Jerusalem's Rehov Ben-Zion, died on Sunday of severe burns sustained in the explosion. Her husband Ya'acov, who was one of the 33 injured in the blast, was brought to the funeral in an ambulance. The couple has a three-week-old daughter.

Building plans on show in Jerusalem
A glimpse of several dozen buildings planned for Jerusalem in the near future will be offered at an exhibition opening today in the lobby of the Jerusalem Theatre. The exhibition, entitled "Jerusalem '76," will show plans now on the drawing boards of 45 West Jerusalem architects.

An attempt to contact East Jerusalem architects in order to have them participate in the exhibition failed to elicit any response.

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The Municipality of Herzliya mourns the death of
BATYA (Annie) LEVINE
and extends deepest sympathy to the City's first Freeman, Mr. S.W. Levine, on the loss of his beloved wife, and to Mayor Yosef Nevo on the loss of his mother.

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of my beloved wife, our mother and grandmother
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The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, May 18, 1976. The cortege will leave for Herzliya Cemetery from the Great Synagogue, Rehov Ben-Gurion, Herzliya, at 4.30 p.m.
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Ophir and Shalom Nevo
Yair and Eli Nevo
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Major oil marketer in Israel for sale

By GIDION ESHEV
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Sonol oil company, one of the three major marketers of petroleum products in Israel, is for sale, along with its parent company, Belco Petroleum Corporation, according to "Forbes" business magazine.

In its April issue, "Forbes" ran an interview with Robert and Arthur Belco, president and chairman of Belco, who together control 46 per cent of the corporation.

Belco, which holds 100 per cent of Sonol, has faced financial difficulties in the last few years. Its \$100m. investment in Peru is un-

profitable. It has been putting into the country more than it been earning there.

Israeli ventures have been a problem. Belco invested heavily in Israel, not only in Sonol but in oil exploration. Its rig was maged and lost in the war of 1967, and the company wrote off \$3.5m. investment. Israel's 14 cent devaluation last year cost company another \$2.5m, according to "Forbes."

Sonol's assets in Israel are valued at \$20m. Its eventual sale, it learned, will not affect its operations.

Israel drops to 10th in bridge Olympiad

By TANNIAH HIRSCH
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MONTE CARLO. — Israel continued to show mixed form in the Fifth World Bridge Team Olympiad.

After blitzing Finland in the 26th round to move up to ninth place in the standings, Israel lost a crucial 27th-round encounter with Belgium by a score of 14-6, and dropped back to 10th place.

In the 28th round, Israel was back on the winning path, but not by a big enough margin. They beat Papua-New Guinea, who are near the bottom, by only 14-6. This brought Israel's victory point total to 345, for 10th place. Leading scores were Great Britain 420, Italy 414, Sweden 408, Poland 400, France 376, Brazil and Switzerland 373, Germany 371, U.S.A. 358.

There is one thing in Israel's favour. They have met virtually all

of the strongest teams, and ideally placed to make a run at leaders. However, Italy has no up well, has made an exact showing, and could prove hard to catch.

In the women's series, it came up with a win at long, dispatching bottom-of-the-table land by a score of 20 to nine. However, that still left them 18th place among the 21 count with a score of 79 VP. Italy leads the event with 192 VP, followed by Great Britain with 180 and the U.S. and Canada with each.

The Canadian women's team been the surprise of the tournament, but the possibility that I will repeat its double triumph the Fourth Olympiad in 1972 now become real.

Rom takes lead in chess meet

HAIFA. — After the fifth round of the national chess tournament here, Haifa star Meli Rom leads with four points and one game unfinished. He is closely followed by Yitzhak Radaashkovich with 4 points.

In third and fourth places were Shimon Kagan and veteran Moshe Czerniak, each with 3.5 points. Kagan has one incomplete game in his favour.

Yesterday Rom defeated Zadok Domnitz, Kagan beat Malkiel Peretz, Arye Lev beat Nathan Birnbaum and Czerniak outplayed David Ben-Zion. Shimon Gitterman and Radaashkovich drew their game.

U.S. chessmen won't attend Libyan tourney

WINDSOR LOCKS, Connecticut. — The U.S. Chess Federation has decided not to participate in an Arab-sponsored anti-Israel Chess Olympiad.

The Arab games are scheduled to coincide with this fall's official International Chess Olympiad in Israel, October 24-November 15.

Federation Director E.B. Edmondson called the Arab event "by far the greatest potential danger to the goals and the existence of the International Chess Federation."

Federation officials said the Arab Libyan Chess Federation will pay participants' travel costs to Tripoli plus \$8 daily during the 23-day event.

He said it will cost the U.S. team \$50,000 to send its players to Israel and the U.S. participation is contingent on raising the funds. (AP)

Life sentences commuted

Two Beduin who had been sentenced to life imprisonment, killing a young girl while attempting to kidnap her sister had 8 sentences commuted to eight years yesterday in the Supreme Court.

Mahmud Dikil and Omar S. banil had been convicted in Ha District Court of murder, attempted murder and kidnapping. They, six other men, snatched Sal Hatib, 17, from her home in D. buria (near Nazareth) in December 1974. During the violent abduction, Sabah's 15-year-old sister was killed and one of her brothers was injured.

Justice Moshe Landau, Elly Many and Alfred Wilkon ruled that the charge of kidnapping was justified since Sabah had willingly with her abductors, was in love with Dikil and wanted to marry him, against her family wishes. They also rejected charge of murder, saying that killing had not been premeditated.

Cattle markets to re-open in 10 days

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
BET DAGAN. — Israel's cat markets, closed because of the appearance of hoof and mouth disease in two small Galilee villages, will open in about 10 days, Dr. Shmuel Gil, head of the veterinary service said here yesterday.

The closing of the livestock markets did not affect the public, pointed out, since cattle for slaughter can still be taken to abattoirs from there to meat markets.

Gil said the outbreak was not serious. Asked how the epidemic spread he explained that it was usual carried from Lebanon and Syria by birds, wild animals or stray cattle.

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VAT to go into effect on July 1—Rabinowitz

By YAA'OOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MITGAL, HA'EMEK. — Value Added Tax (VAT) will come into force on July 1, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz announced here yesterday. The rate of the tax has not yet been decided, but "it will be higher than originally planned, because its introduction was delayed," the minister said. (VAT was originally scheduled to be enacted on April 1, 1976.)

He said VAT would not apply to vegetables and fruit, or to exports, and would not raise the prices of the 14 basic foodstuffs, because the subsidies on them would cover it.

Rabinowitz — who visited this development city and three local export plants, Be'er Or, Nitzav and Helena Rabinowitz, accompanied by Mayor Zvi Alderotti — made his announcement during a meeting with the Be'er Or works committee. He said that the Treasury must raise the IL2.5b. the tax was designed to bring in during this fiscal year, "and we shall have to find ways of raising the money we lost through the delay."

Asked whether, in view of the fact that his economic policy had apparently not achieved its aims, new and drastic measures would now have to be taken by the Treasury, the minister said: "I don't

think that drastic measures will be necessary." Like every policy, this one too had been distorted to a certain extent in its execution.

The policy was now under review, he added, and once the review was completed it would be decided whether additional measures were necessary or whether the measures and plans prepared at the beginning of the fiscal year were sufficient. In the meantime he would not say whether he believed extra measures were called for — although it was already clear that subsidies would have to be modified to make sure that they would not exceed the IL1.6b. earmarked for them in the budget.

Services, the minister said, were "inflated" and more manpower must be diverted from them to production and export.

He believed the present policy of favouring production workers was a step in the right direction and stressed that "contrary to what has been published, average wages in the services are already lower than those in production. In 1975, average wages in production rose by 44 per cent and those in services only by 27 per cent," he said. As to the Be'er Or plant itself, the minister was informed that an increase in its exports depended upon enlargement of the company's manpower.



President Ephraim Katzir and Shlomo Avineri, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry (extreme right) greet members of the diplomatic corps who came to Beit Hanassi to wish the President a happy birthday. He was 60 last week. (Y. Barzilay)

Burg: 'Master plan' for Golan Heights

By AARON SETNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Golan Heights "master plan" has already been drawn up, Interior Minister Yosef Burg revealed yesterday.

In a Knesset review of his ministry's activities, Burg said: "We have — with the cooperation of the Housing Ministry and the Lands Administration — completed a master plan for the Golan area. It covers the entire Golan Heights and belongs to an even wider development scheme, that includes Upper Galilee."

The Golan Heights plan is also considered a factor in another plan, known as the "Kinneret Drainage Basin Master Plan."

He said the Golan Heights plan foresees enlargement of the existing settlements there and establishment of new ones to make full use of the zone's agricultural potential. In addition, the plan calls for non-farming settlements based either on industry, livestock breeding or tourism.

(Twenty-five mayors and chairmen of local authorities were yesterday the guests of Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu in the Knesset, having come to hear Minister Burg's review.)

Dr. Burg told the House the Interior Ministry would probably be able to bring the local authorities' budgets to near-balance this year while a committee of experts seeks ways of ensuring a "lasting solution to the perennial problem of financ-

ing local authorities' services."

He reported that combined budgets of local authorities this year reached IL6,750m. compared with IL5,200m. last year. Despite this, services will not be expanded; on the contrary, they will be reduced by about 5 per cent except for social improvement services, which will not be cut.

On Israel's Arab localities, Dr. Burg said: "Until last year the Government allocated funds to them on the basis of population. But this has been changed, and the grants are now based upon their expense budgets and their readiness to improve and expand services to their residents."

Dr. Burg said Israel's non-Jewish population today was approximately 500,000, of which 90,000 live in the Jerusalem area. The latter consist of 74 per cent Moslems, 17 per cent Christians and 9 per cent Druze and others.

He noted that Israel's minority communities comprised one of the youngest population groups anywhere, with half under the age of 14 and three-quarters under 30. The average age among Israel's minorities is 20.9 years, while among Jews it is 28.9.

Another interesting fact was that life expectancy among Israel's minorities had risen from 58 years to 70 years since 1948. This compares with 55 years' life expectancy today in Iraq, 51 in Egypt and Algeria and 42 in Sudan.

New bill to ban littering

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

MKs Shalom Levin of the Alignment and Yosef Tamir of the Likud yesterday tabled a private members' bill that would make it unlawful to flick cigarette ashes in streets or otherwise create the appearance of public places. Offenders would be subject to a fine of IL1,000.

Calling on "my fellow Israelis... to uproot the ugly facets of life here," Levin said the Interior Minister would be empowered under his law to issue the necessary executive orders to make it operative.

Besides cigarette ashes, MK Levin's "Public Places Law" bars persons from discarding such objects as cigarette butts, peels and meat portions of seeds and nuts, food wrappers and food, including fruit and vegetables.

Raphael blames Huppert for Weiler affair

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The dispute over co-opting a Reform Jew to Jerusalem's Religious Council continued yesterday, even after the proposed appointee, Moshe Raphael, had been elected. Raphael, a Zionist and a religious man according to his own outlook.

In his reply, Dr. Raphael wrote he has "consistently held Rabbi Weiler in the highest regard. Heaven forbid that I should intentionally offend his honour."

Dr. Raphael blamed the debacle on Uri Huppert, the TLF Jerusalem city councillor who, he said, "attempted to force upon me the appointment of a Reform Jew to the Capital's Religious Council by devious means, by claiming the appointment should be made on the basis of his faction's right of political representation on the council."

A LUNG DISEASE clinic was opened in Tiberias Sunday to serve the Lower Galilee and Jordan Valley areas. The building that houses the clinic also has a mother and child welfare station on the ground floor.

Kreisky on Kfir

TEL AVIV. — Recent reports in the Israeli and Austrian press that Austria may purchase Kfir intercepter planes are not harmful to a possible deal, Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said yesterday. He was talking to Avraham Shavit, president of the Manufacturers Association, in Vienna.

On the contrary, the Chancellor said, "better the discussion be public." He insisted only consideration of quality, price and suitability would decide, and said his government would not bow to political pressure.

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Civil Guard units for large places of work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Civil Guard is setting up alert units at large work places to take immediate action in case of terrorist attack. They will parallel similar units which have been set up in residential neighbourhoods, were doing their regular sentry duty.

Commander of the Civil Guard, said at a briefing for military correspondents in Tel Aviv yesterday.

The Guard has enrolled almost 120,000 volunteers, far more than anticipated when it was set up almost immediately after the Ma'alot terror attack two years ago. Of this number, 80 per cent are active; the Guard has some 3,500 volunteers patrolling the streets every night.

The Guard has now begun weeding out the "honorary members" and making sure that only active volunteers carry the membership card and receive the badge, shortly to be issued, Cohen said. This was part of a continual process of making the organisation more efficient and improving its functioning.

He also cited the role of the pensioners in the ranks of the guard and said that his experience with them had persuaded him that this age group could make a useful contribution to the home front effort in time of war. The activities in the Guard also helped these people and solved many of their problems, he added.

30 to 40 per cent of the Guard was in the over 50 age group and 15 per cent were Gdudim-aged school children. Twenty per cent are women.

Cohen said that the efficiency and value of the organisation differed widely from place to place. The best

areas are those where the population of military personnel is heaviest, he said, adding that reserves generally attack. They will parallel similar units which have been set up in residential neighbourhoods, were doing their regular sentry duty.

Apart from maintaining an armed deterrent presence in the streets, the Guard had also made a great contribution to public awareness of the need for keeping alert, Cohen said. He believes that in wartime, the Guard will make an appreciable contribution to the home front.

The Guard, controlled by the police, has a staff of 650, of whom 200 are unpaid volunteers. The staff includes drivers and clerks as well as instructors and coordinators.

The volunteers have been issued with a total of 35,000 rifles. Members in border areas take their weapons home, and Nitzav Cohen believes that this fact alone has made a substantial contribution to the feeling of security in these locations.

The Guard has an annual budget of IL47m. — IL20m. for operations and the remainder to cover the manpower costs of the 450 paid staff members. There are 520 bases and 200 vehicles.

Cohen stressed the social value of the Guard and its contribution to fostering a spirit of volunteering, mutual responsibility and self-reliance in neighbourhoods where people had become accustomed to relying on the authorities. People who never knew each other before, from different walks of life, are becoming acquainted and aware of one another's problems and ways of life, he said.

Now executives will tighten belts

Jewish Agency, WZO say they've cut expenses

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization have succeeded in cutting the number of their employees by over 9 per cent, vehicle kilometres by 25 per cent, short overseas trips by 20 per cent and newspaper advertisements by a small amount.

But the efforts of their savings committee, which released its report in Jerusalem yesterday, resulted in the savings of only "a few million pounds" because of across-the-board price rises and inflation.

Agency Director-General Moshe Rivlin and savings committee chairman Moshe Haskell told reporters at a press conference (which, appropriately lacked the usual coffee and cake) that the committee had attained most of the goals set out when it was established in November 1974. The Executive then decided that no new workers would be taken on until March 1976 and that vacancies left by retiring personnel would be frozen or filled by existing workers. In 27 meetings

with department heads and work committees, the savings body managed to have them "tighten their belts." The Agency has 326 fewer workers today (out of a total of 3,612) and the WZO has 85 fewer (out of 849) in Israel.

More than half the manpower cuts were made in the aliya department, reflecting the decline of immigration during that period. The only department with more workers was that of children and youth. Youth Aliya programmes have expanded to include more disadvantaged native-born youth.

None of the savings measures affected the members of the Executive personally. However, the Executive voted yesterday to request that further savings measures, affect their own offices as well. The measures will be devised by Aharon Doron, adviser to the Agency Executive chairman.

The savings committee decided that offices in Tel Aviv were needed by Executive members and that their existence "did not cause redundancy."

Bomber hits home of T.A. mayor's namesake

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An apparent case of mistaken identity yesterday resulted in an explosion which shook suburban Zehala and damaged the home of banker Shlomo Lahat. The bomber's intention apparently was to hit Mayor Shlomo Lahat's house.

An anonymous caller told Israel Broadcasting early yesterday morning that the charge was placed to get back at Mayor Lahat for his hard-line policy of enforcing housing codes and demolishing buildings put up without permits.

At 3:20 a.m. yesterday, however, an explosion ripped the living-room wall at the home of Shlomo Lahat of the Discount Bank. Lahat is abroad and none of his family who were home suffered any injuries. The charge was placed against the outside wall of the villa.

The explosion caused considerable damage to the Lahat home, and

shattered window panes in neighbouring houses.

Mayor Lahat, accompanied by his wife, arrived at the site shortly after the blast. The mayor lives in nearby Afeka. He expressed dismay that the other Lahat, with whom he is acquainted, should incur damage because of him.

He noted that ever since he had decided to crack down on increasing illegal construction in town about a year ago, he and his family had received numerous threats. But this was the first action taken against him, he said.

The get-tough policy on illegal housing last week resulted in a riot of Jaffa Maronites against the demolition of an illegally built garage and warehouse. Several months ago there were disturbances in the Hativva Quarter to protest demolitions. Deputy Mayor Peretz Unkovsky has instructed city employees to repair the damage to banker Lahat's house.

Foca Hirsch's term cut as court raps tax men

The Supreme Court yesterday reduced the jail sentence of Foca Hirsch, the well-known Tel Aviv businessman, who was convicted last year of falsifying his company's books and evading income tax on \$68,000.

The court severely criticised the manner in which tax investigators, accompanied by newsmen and television crews, had raided Hirsch's office and residences in May 1972. Judge Moshe Landau said the reduced sentence was partial compensation for the public disgrace caused by the tax authorities.

The 12-month jail term imposed by the Tel Aviv District Court in May 1975 was cut in half. But the Supreme Court increased the original IL100,000 fine to IL200,000. It left unchanged the one-year suspended sentence and IL200,000 fine set by the lower court on Chdev, the import company Hirsch directed. Hirsch, 68, made headlines four

years ago, when tax raiders had newsmen round him in his offices in one of his several homes. Hirsch had swallowed an overdose of sleeping pills, apparently after being tipped off about the impending raid. Justice Moshe Landau refused the defence plea to rescind the sentence entirely, saying that the accused had stolen large sums of foreign currency from the State.

At the same time, the court noted that the unseemly conduct of the tax authorities, as a result of which the accused had been held up to public ridicule, should be taken into consideration. The "sensation-seeking mass media" were incited against him, said Justice Landau, and, following a prior briefing by the tax authorities, were permitted to accompany the raiders "in violation of the accused's privacy — even into his bedroom."

Justices Haim Cohn and Eliyahu Many were also on the bench. (Him)

Accident insurance for 'areas' workers planned

By AARON SETNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Compulsory work accident insurance — with premiums to be paid by employers — will be introduced in the administered areas next January, Labour Minister Moshe Baran announced in Jerusalem yesterday.

In a meeting with reporters, he explained that, except for the Golan Heights, workers in the administered areas are not covered by regulations similar to the National Insurance Institute Law, which protects workers in Israel as well as workers from the administered areas employed in Israel.

Thus, residents of the "areas" injured at work have until now had to rely on court suits to recover damages from their employers. These legal proceedings were conducted according to the local — Jordanian or Egyptian — law, which prevails in civil matters.

"It frequently happens that an incapacitated worker fails to get compensation," said Baran. "Some times it is because he cannot prove negligence on the part of his employer, and sometimes because the employer cannot afford to pay the damages."

the coordinator of activities in the areas, pointed out that the new work accident insurance would be similar in nature to the familiar third-party auto insurance. The accident victim would receive compensation without reference to any subsequent litigation over the negligence.

Baran said areas employers would have to get their new accident insurance policies from private carriers, and he believed the premium would be equal to approximately 2 per cent of a worker's wages. Agricultural workers as well as industrial workers will be covered.

A representative of the Treasury's Insurance Commissioner's Office told reporters that insurance companies in neighbouring Arab states have so far shown no interest in accepting the risks.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE workers in Eilat, who put in many hours of overtime to help Timna miners find employment when the mines closed, announced this week they would not request overtime pay because of the country's "difficult economic situation."

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How Willy Brandt sees them in his memoirs 'Johnson was a bargain hunter, Nixon was restless and insecure'

HAMBURG. — Willy Brandt thought Lyndon Johnson knew more about bargain hunting than Berlin affairs. He described his conversation with Vice-President Johnson in Berlin soon after the wall was built as "rather tortuous."

"He was impressed by President Nixon's 'flexible, realistic' foreign policy and his authority over 'Harvard Professor' Henry Kissinger. But he said Nixon never was completely relaxed, had an air of restlessness and insecurity, perhaps caused by his failure to come to terms with his humble beginnings."

These and other frank opinions of statesmen in and out of power, dead and alive, are given by Brandt in his "Encounters and Insights," a 680-page volume of his memoirs as West Berlin mayor, West German Foreign Minister and Chancellor, to be published in the autumn.

"Der Spiegel" news magazine published a long report on the book yesterday along with the first part of a six-part series.

President John Kennedy sent his vice-president to Berlin soon after



Willy Brandt

the anti-refugee wall was built on the east-west city border on August 13, 1961, in answer to Brandt's demand for "deeds not words."

Brandt recalled that Johnson found his explanation of the Berlin problem "not easy to grasp," but he said in any case Johnson was more interested in shopping.

"We had to get him a pair of shoes Saturday night out of a shop that long had been closed because he admired a pair I was wearing so much," Brandt said. "The same on Sunday when he wanted a collection of electric razors as souvenirs for friends. The same thing all over again with porcelain... Sunday night he ordered a vast number of suitcases with the alarming statement: 'They look like a dollar but only cost me 25 cents.'"

Brandt praised Nixon for his open mind in dealing with world problems. He said Nixon had abandoned the old American obsession of gaining an "imaginary victory over the world enemy," the Soviet Union.

"Nixon's authority could be seen and felt," Brandt wrote. If the Harvard Professor (Kissinger) with his instinct for the necessary and the opportune occasionally might have considered the President as his instrument, Nixon succeeded nevertheless in making himself the master of the idea his confidant proposed.

Brandt revealed that in September 1962 there was "a secret Berlin crisis."

He said the Western allied city commandants called him in and told him Soviet tanks and troops were concentrated around West Berlin to take it over in a lightning move.

He said he was left in no doubt that the small American, British and French garrisons would fight. He told his aides to put on strong shoes that could carry them far and told his oldest son, 14-year-old Peter, to take care of the family.

He said the danger passed with President Kennedy's ultimatum on the Cuban rocket bases to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev that October.

Brandt also discussed a meeting in Berlin with the late Robert Kennedy when he was his brother's Attorney General, who was accompanied by Edward, before Teddy had been elected senator.

Mayor Brandt proposed a toast to "the President, the Government and the people of the U.S."

"Robert in reply happily called out: 'That's the three of us — the President is my brother, I am the Government and (pointing to Edward) you are the people.'" (UPI)

Now it's the Irish who discovered America

DINGLE, Ireland. — High winds yesterday delayed the start of an attempt by an Englishman in a leather rowboat to prove that the Irish discovered America long ago — in fact 800 years before Christopher Columbus.

Gusts of up to 74 kph. lashed the southwest Kerry coast and kept Tim Severin and his four-man crew landbound.

They had planned to leave Sunday aboard their banana-shaped 12-metre rowboat in a bid to repeat what Irish legend says was the 6th century voyage from Ireland to America by "St. Brendan the Navigator."

But local fishermen predicted that the high winds, churning up a heavy swell around rocky Brandon Point, would last several days.

Local tradition says that St. Brendan in an ox-leather covered "currach" like Severin's left from there and eventually reached the east coast of America via Scotland, the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland long before Columbus in 1492.

Brendan is reputed to have made landfall around present-day Boston, Massachusetts — known here as the "next parish" west.

Severin, a 36-year-old geographer and explorer and former Harkness Fellow at Berkeley and Harvard, said his ore-powered voyage would take three to five months.

Unlike St. Brendan's vessel Severin's boat carries radio and modern navigation aids. But this apart, Severin says his boat is an exact replica of the medieval craft.

It has a stiff double gunwale of Irish oak with ribs and laths of ash lengthwise. About 130 metres of greased oxhide, with tarred leather stretchings, covers the frame. In addition to the oars, it carries two sails of stitched goatskin. (UPI)

S. Africa considers aid for Rhodesian 'rescue'

JOHANNESBURG. — South Africa will confine any military intervention in Rhodesia to a humanitarian rescue operation to prevent a "Conga-like bloodbath," government officials said last weekend.

In a clarification of an earlier statement by Secretary for Information Eschel Rhoodie that Pretoria will not bail out Premier Ian Smith's regime, department officials said intervention would be limited to organizing the evacuation of refugees.

Rhoodie's original statement last week to "The New York Times" said "Military intervention by South Africa to uphold the Rhodesian government is absolutely out of the question."

In Salisbury, Rhodesian government officials withheld comment on the most unequivocal position ever made publicly by the South African government on this issue.

The South African stance coincides with an escalating Soviet-backed guerrilla campaign launched from Mozambique, intent on removing Smith and the 275,000 white community from power. Meanwhile, South African television yesterday reversed its decision not to show an episode of the highly popular "World at War" series, dealing with the extermination of six million Jews in Nazi death camps, following massive public protests.

The South African Broadcasting Corporation announced that viewers will be able to see the programme as scheduled tonight, although it will still be shown at a later time than normal as it is not considered suitable for a young audience.

After Saturday's announcement that the episode was being suppressed, the SABC switchboard and those of South African newspapers were swamped with calls from people protesting the decision. South Africa's Jewish community issued a strongly worded statement describing the decision as "inexplicable and totally unacceptable." (UPI, AP)

WHO assembly rejects report on Arab 'areas'

GENEVA. — Arab nations, backed by the large Third World Communist majority at the World Health Organization annual assembly here yesterday, succeeded in rejecting the recent WHO report which had both criticized and praised Israeli medical services in the administered territories.

A motion by India declaring the report "inadmissible" was passed with 69 in favour, 18 against, and 14 abstaining.

The report, which had been submitted to the assembly last week, said that the situation in the areas could never be "normal" under Israeli control, but nevertheless praised its medical services.

Arab states criticized the validity of the report because Israel had not permitted its authors to visit the areas collectively, Israel had denied this permission because two of the commission's three members, Senegal and Indonesia, do not maintain diplomatic relations with Israel. The other member is Rumania. (UPI)

British soldiers climb Everest

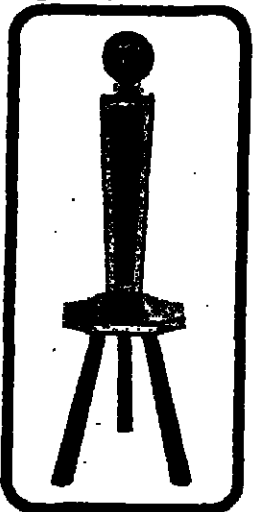
KATHMANDU. — Two British soldiers have reached the summit of Mount Everest, the Nepal Foreign Ministry announced yesterday.

They are sergeant J.H. Stokes and Corporal M.P. Lane of the Special Air Service Regiment, and they reached the 8,848-metre summit on Sunday afternoon, the ministry said. Both men are being escorted down Everest suffering from frostbite after having to bivouac overnight in the open below Everest's south summit following their climb.

This came after they had pitched their summit-assault camp at 8,380 metres on Everest's southeast ridge on Friday. Stokes and Lane were the first of three summit assault teams with the British-Nepalese Army team climbing the world's highest mountain by the south col route. Their route was pioneered by New Zealand's Sir Edmund Hillary when he made the first conquest of Everest with Sherpa Tenzing in 1953. (Reuters)

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NAIROBI. — Somalia yesterday called on the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to impose economic sanctions on South Africa and Israel.

Somali Commerce Minister Ahmed Mohammed Mohamud told the conference that efforts to establish a new international economic order must be accompanied by parallel efforts to give self-determination to Palestine, South Africa, Namibia (South West Africa), Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and the French territory of Djibouti on the Somali coast. (Reuters)

2,000 U.K. doctors are alcoholics

LONDON. — A British expert said yesterday that more than 2,000 British doctors are alcoholics.

"The doctor is no better informed about alcoholism than the layman," said Dr. Max Glatt, an adviser on drug dependence to the World Health Organization.

He said official statistics on deaths from cirrhosis of the liver, "regarded as a rough indirect index of the prevalence of alcoholism," shows the death rate among doctors is 3.5 times higher than for the average population.

Only pub keepers and company managers have a higher rate, Dr. Glatt wrote. (UPI)

Oil spill ruins Spanish beaches

LA CORUNA, Spain. — Oil from the grounded Spanish tanker Urquiola continued to spread along the coast of northwest Spain yesterday, blackening beaches up to a distance of 50 kilometres from the half-submerged ship, the Cifra news agency said.

A Dutch salvage team stood by to transfer an estimated 75,000 tons of crude oil still aboard the tanker, but a spokesman said it might be two or three days more before the operation could be attempted. Spanish maritime officials said last week an estimated 30,000 tons had been spilled after the ship caught fire and sank, killing its captain. The crew abandoned ship safely. (AP)

Egyptians seize £5m. in hash

CAIRO. — More than two tons of hashish worth £5 million were seized by the Egyptian coast guard, the semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" said yesterday.

It said 2.5 tons of the drug were dropped in the sea in the El Alamein area, west of Alexandria, by a foreign ship to be smuggled into Egypt. This was the second such quantity of drugs to be seized by the coast guard in less than a week.

The newspaper "Al-Akhar" yesterday also said that 65 kilos of hashish were seized at Cairo airport. The package from Lebanon was addressed to an imaginary Egyptian company, according to the newspaper. (Reuters)

Spain bans right-wing march

MADRID. — The Spanish government yesterday banned an extreme right-wing demonstration designed to affirm loyalty to the late General Franco and repudiate efforts to change his authoritarian system.

The demonstration had been organized for Thursday in Madrid by the 600,000-strong Confederation of Civil War Veterans, six months after the day since General Franco died.

The Interior Ministry said it was banning the demonstration because it could disturb public order. (Reuters)

Cheap S. Arabia oil to Syria

BEIRUT. — Saudi Arabia is to supply oil to Syria at a bargain price to replace the supplies cut off by Iraq last month, oil industry sources said yesterday.

The Saudi oil will be delivered by tanker from the Persian Gulf to Syria's Mediterranean terminal at Banias, at about half the world market rate, the sources said. (Reuters)

Mozambique President in Moscow

MOSCOW. — Mozambique President Samora Machel arrived in Moscow yesterday for an official visit, Tass reported.

All central newspapers gave prominent attention to the impending state visit, emphasizing that the Mozambique leadership is committed to socialist development.

This is the first visit by a delegation from the African country since the leadership of the Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo) assumed control of government when the Portuguese colony achieved its independence last year. (AP)

10,000 'political' held in Yemen

LONDON. — Amnesty International said yesterday that up to 10,000 political prisoners might be in jail in South Yemen and that there was evidence of torture of some detainees.

In a report on the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen — which includes the former British colony of Aden — Amnesty said hundreds of people had been executed or had disappeared since independence in 1967, when the pro-Communist National Front government came to power.

The study said there were reports that East German and Cuban advisers had been present at some interrogations and they had been held responsible for introducing sophisticated torture techniques. (Reuters)

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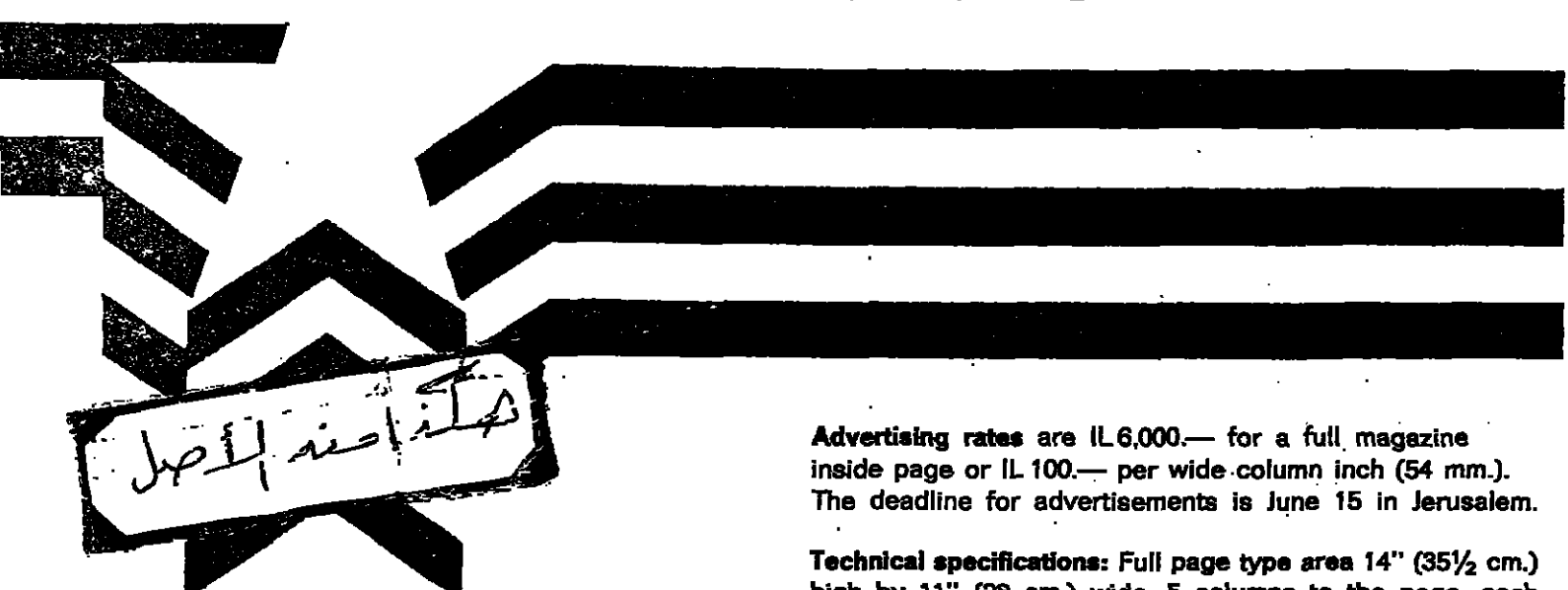
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Alms go out of style in Taibe

By Lea Levavi

500 active cases which form the bulk of the local welfare office in the Arab village of Taibe are being dealt with by modern means of social casework. Economic aid is involved in only a small number of them. Still, welfare expenditures in the village this year are an impressive IL2.8 million. This figure is the same as for last year, while the total budget for the village is expected to double, going from IL12m. to IL24m.

Mayor Abdul-Rahim Haj Yahya attributes this to the local welfare office's success in rehabilitating aid recipients. "In the Jewish sector, you hear of some people who ask for alms even when they don't need it. Here, there are people who do need it and don't ask for it because they are ashamed."

The director of the welfare office, Haj Yahya, (who said his help related to the mayor did not help get the job) believes people are no longer ashamed. Until the 1960's, there was only one welfare worker in the entire Southern Triangle and a resulting poor service made alms look like charity. However, in the past 10 years, Haj Yahya has been full-time head of the Taibe welfare office, and until recently the only professional worker on its small staff. He has successfully introduced modern concepts of social casework, and economic help forming only a small fraction of the 500 active cases.

One success story is that of a prisoner's family. When the father served a long prison sentence, his wife sons took advantage of public sympathy and began begging. Haj Yahya convinced their mother to go working outside the home and to spend more time with the children.

while the welfare office helped financially.

"Yes, it may have been to the mother's advantage to go out to work. But what about the children? They were deteriorating." In the meantime, the husband was allowed home for visits twice a year and this resulted in an annual addition to the family. "The two older boys had become so used to begging that the only solution was to place them in an institution. But we managed to control the younger children." After the father received a pardon, the welfare office helped him set up as a tailor. That case is now successfully closed.

One stumbling block in the rehabilitation effort is the lack of industry in the village. Some groups, such as widows and the handicapped, cannot work outside — widows because of tradition and the handicapped because of physical difficulties in travelling.

THE NEED for welfare services has grown, as life in the Arab villages has changed. Despite the still-strong family ties, new modes of economic life have created a situation where the family cannot support its weaker members as the farm family used to. Modernization has also brought the marriage counselling to deal with problems once solved by a man unilaterally divorcing his wife or a wife suffering in silence.

"But much as we've done, there is still much more to do. With 500 cases in a small office like this, not everyone gets the intensive treatment he needs — and there are

Bargain hunting

Through the looking glass / Joanna Yehiel

WHAT DO YOU mean by "cheap"? So many people have told me to stop writing about those expensive outlets that no one can afford and tell us where to buy ordinary cheap things, that I spent several mornings last week doing the rounds of the little "shmitta" shops and the chain stores in Jerusalem.

But first, let's get it straight. What do you mean by cheap? About IL40 to IL50 for a top and about IL100 for pants or a skirt, you say.

Well, I have some good and bad news for you. Your ideas of cheap are downright out of date — a cheap shirt nowadays costs around IL100 and up while pants or a skirt cost a good IL80 more than that. That's the bad news. The good news is that if you're prepared to spend plenty of time looking, there are a few places you can still find clothes at the price you had in mind.

For example: I still have my last year's red brushed cotton T-shirt, now a faded shade of pink, that I bought for IL25. The same shirt is still on sale in a small shop in Rehov King George for IL30 (hardly a hair-raising price jump), but with one difference — it now contains washing instructions (all clothes should now have a washing label inside, and you should refuse to buy anything that doesn't). And another new consumer-conscious law is that all clothes should be clearly price-labelled. Of course, that doesn't mean you can't bargain



The model may be dressed in high fashion — but the audience, members of Golan settlements, stick to vest-top and jeans. And even the cost of those basic items is going up. (S.B.S.)

downwards.) These cotton T-shirts were last summer's real fashion-seller. Everyone was wearing them here, and no wonder, at that price.

But I believe that this summer there's going to be another winner — the "shmitta" shops are full of Indian-cotton shirts, covered with various flower prints, short-sleeved, and much less clinging, thus cooler to wear. The shirt has a collar that makes it easy to put on over a sweater for nights, or over a turtleneck, for a colour change. Cost? IL74. Yes, you're right, it's quite a lot of money.

LET'S go back to the T-shirt. And here, I recommend that you occasionally pop into Hamashbir and look at their "bargain" bin. This is on the lines of Marks and Spencer's "reduced" counters, where you can find all kinds of ends-of-line items. Hamashbir (in Jerusalem at least) has a counter heaped with T-shirts, of all shapes, sizes, and colours, starting about IL35. It even has some from abroad, for IL64, in colours that you won't see everyone else wearing.

If you can't find a vest-top you like in that rummage counter, then don't just go out of the shop without looking carefully through the long racks of shirts. Amongst the way-beyond-my-pocket IL120-upwards shirts, I found some fully washable, virtually non-iron, Polyester blouses in light blue or pink for IL38, with short sleeves and two breastpockets. I found some more shirts in checks, of Tergal, also non-iron sleeveless this time, for IL54. And a long-sleeved bright orange shirt for IL35 (admittedly the colour wasn't my choice, but the cut was good, and the same shirt in light blue or pink costs IL75).

What about trousers and skirts? In the cheap shops, they are selling "gabardine" (it's not) trousers and skirts for some IL125 upwards. Pants with a straight line (less material used) can be found for IL88 — but in that case the fabric is shiny, and I found it unattractive both to look at and to touch. Hamashbir has a very big range of pants and skirts, costing very little more than those at the little cheap shops — but be careful: the little shops turn up hems at the bottom of the trousers and skirts according to the length you want for no charge, and they do it usually by the next day or the day after. Hamashbir said it cost IL6, and would take "three or four days."

Short of buying at Tel Aviv's Carmel Market (and adding the cost of bus fare or petrol to get there on to the bill, if you live in another city) or buying at the thrift shops, which is my personal solution to the problem, you can get clothes fairly cheaply, in the chain stores or at the shmitta shops, if you are prepared to spend time looking. But, always try on whatever you're buying — all cheap clothes seem to come in "medium, one-size-fits-all" — which is very definitely doesn't.

Beirut faces bleak summer of sickness and starvation

THE APPROACH of summer is raising the spectre of epidemic and starvation here.

These possibilities — which will be realities unless urgent relief action is taken — were spelled out by the regional director of the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), Dr. James McDougall. He said the main threats to public health are water contamination, non-disposal of rubbish, the closure of the sterile hospitals and the over-population of the city.

Of Beirut's 18 sources of water, only one is at present chlorinated. Water running through mains which have been ruptured during the year-long civil war may be contaminated by waste water or any other matter — including human corpses.

The city's rubbish piles up on street corners. "Disposal," when it occurs, usually only consists of moving the dumps from the streets to the city's sea-shore.

Beats have now become a daily sight, even in fashionable districts. The recent estimate put Beirut's population as high as its human population. The figure now must be much higher.

With most abattoirs out of action, the city's butchers are slaughtering livestock in the streets. But now the streets are filthy.

"God has been kind to Lebanon in giving us a long winter," said Mr. McDougall, a New Zealander. "But it could not last forever, and now the temperature is rising dangerously high."

"Two of the four horsemen of the apocalypse are already closing in on Lebanon," Mr. McDougall warned. "There is the threat not only of disease, but also of famine. Starvation currently threatens about 200,000 people in Lebanon half of them in the capital."

With the World Health Organization (WHO) offices evacuated from Beirut and the Ministry of Health's operations seriously disrupted, Mr. McDougall believes Unicef can play an important role here. "We have arranged for the importation of vaccine and its storage here," he said. "We are now getting hold of chemical toilets, among other items."

ANOTHER AGENCY involved in the campaign will be the government sponsored Office of Social Development (OSD), which works in East Beirut.

Centre director Mrs. Nadia Tawel said the situation there was much better than in many other quarters of the city because the municipality was still functioning and the dispensary was open.

But she added that food was in short supply because "there are so many refugees who have come here from other districts. And municipal services are now threatened with breakdown as the municipality has run out of money to pay its workers," she said.

The major difficulty facing the immediate public health campaign will be not cost, but organization. Mr. McDougall estimated that vaccination and chlorination equipment would cost about \$300,000 and rat poison would not add much to that figure.

International aid is needed, however, to cope with the food shortage. International appeals are planned and some aid is arriving but meanwhile the flies still swarm round the garbage heaps on Beirut's sea-shore, dangerously near to the refugee families huddled for shelter in the wooden chalets of the once-exclusive beach clubs. (Reuters)

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Goldie steals the show

Film review

The girl from Petrovka (Gat, Tel Aviv), tells the story of the chequered romance between a non-conformist Moscow girl and an American correspondent working in the Russian capital. The film is adapted from the novel by George Feifer, which the author based on a real-life case.

Robert Ellis Miller directed from a screenplay by Allan Scott and Chris Bryant.

Apart from its interesting and well-developed plot, the movie's main asset is Goldie Hawn, who combines her twin-talents as a comedienne and a dramatic actress to wonderful effect in the title role. She plays a young, ebullient ballet student named Otkryabrina, with no job and connections with the black market, who is looked after by a wealthy local politician. The heroine is half-child and half-woman, an intriguing mixture of innocence and shrewdness, as she adroitly keeps one step ahead of the KGB — ever on the watch for "parasites" without papers like she is.

At times, Otkryabrina brings to mind the eccentric Holly Golightly in "Breakfast at Tiffany's," who Audrey Hepburn portrayed so memorably 15 years ago, and Goldie

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Jarusalem Post Reporter
Ta'as spent ILM's entire manufacturing an team after it had failed to meet standards tests, the Comptroller states in his report on the Military Industries. He did not identify the item or the corps it was designed for.

But on the whole the Comptroller reported considerable development in Ta'as whose production for the defence establishment rose by 80.5 per cent in 1974 over the previous year. Production for export and the local non-military market increased by 92.6 per cent. By July 1975 Ta'as had export orders valued at \$200 million. "This should enable Ta'as to maintain its production potential and to accept a number of defence establishment orders," the Comptroller states.

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Facing the pressure groups

FINANCE MINISTER Rabinowitz faces a baffling dilemma. He knows that he must not overspend, yet cannot avoid doing so. He puts his faith on the revenue side, and hopes to bridge the gap that is beginning to yawn between income and outlay — by activating the long-awaited Value Added Tax.

But Israel's economic problem is bigger than this formula suggests. The VAT will not by itself mobilize, during the last nine months of the present fiscal year, enough money to bridge a budgetary deficit that will have topped IL2,000m., before the tax even comes into force.

It is therefore still necessary to reduce expenditure. Sar-Shalom Shiran, the Treasury's budget chief, has said that it cannot be done. What he means is that it cannot be done without treading on people's toes.

Harsh policies have not been necessary (at least in domestic affairs) during the last decade, because money could be found to finance all excesses. Everyone has got used to self-indulgent solutions — overmanning, government loans to cover losses, non-measured norms, overtime wages for work not done, double severance pay, subsidized prices.

The Government has now done all the budget-cutting it can — short of breaking up these comfortable practices. But Israel's economic difficulties can no longer be overcome the easy way. The Government must abandon the convenient habit of going along with the tide. For the first time, it must impose its will, even on the most recalcitrant.

Whatever cuts the Treasury makes, furious opposition will be stirred up in one quarter or another. Television viewers saw the attack last Sunday on what was labelled the "Treasury juveniles" — because they presumed to reproach the country's relatively prosperous farmers for refusing to give up the subsidy on their water.

Wherever the authorities try to trim expenses, there will be a pressure group to declare that any reduction in this particular allocation must be a national calamity. Students strike against higher fees, labourers apply sanctions against redeployment, social workers insist that more should be given to the needy. Teachers are outraged at proposed economies in education, housing officials predict dire unemployment if construction is diminished. Army generals proclaim danger to life and limb if any further infringements are made on the provision for defence.

Yet the cuts must be made. The VAT will not solve the problem by itself. To rely on it is a form of escapism — an escape from the need to be tough and to make the tough decisions that the situation requires.

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DAVAR (Histradut) recalls earlier meetings of Israeli and Soviet representatives in the framework of UN delegations which, in the absence of diplomatic relations, are welcome and positive moves. One cannot ignore the role played in the region by the Soviet Union, and it is therefore difficult to understand the reasons for the storm aroused by Ambassador Herzog's meeting with Soviet Ambassador Malik, and the subsequent interference of Israel's ambassador in Washington. "Such details as have been reported of the meeting do not indicate that the Israeli representative has in any way overstepped his authority or failed to remain within the confines of official Israeli policy."

"Herzog's predecessors have met in Eastern Europe with Soviet representatives and those of other countries not maintaining diplomatic relations with Israel. Such contacts are natural and necessary in current political activity."

It concludes: "The Foreign Minister should coordinate between (Israel's) representatives in Washington and New York, lest there evolve yet another chapter in the 'Wars of the Jews,' as frequent of late as they are unnecessary."

HA'ARETZ (Independent) notes with concern the widening gap between the Treasury's masterplan and economic reality — as illustrated by the mounting consumption figures and the increasing deficit already in the second month of the new financial year.

"Obviously only drastic cuts in government expenditure can now balance the budget. However, the problem is not one of faulty diagnosis, but insufficient muscle to carry out the therapy. The Government does not dare to cause the upheaval to be expected from the necessary cuts, since — at least in this country — public reaction to the threat of unemployment is sharper and stronger than to that posed by inflation."

"The lack of decisiveness of which the Government has been accused in the political sphere also applies to its economic actions (and inaction). Unless the Government regains confidence and authority by incisive action, we cannot expect a change for the better."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) blames the statistical surprises which have upset economic forecasts, not only on over-optimism, but also on the constant cuts and limitations imposed on the Central Bureau of Statistics and other data-gathering and processing agencies.

"If, within a three-month period, prices rise at twice the predicted rate, the GNP drops instead of rising as predicted, the standard of living not only fails to take the predicted drop but takes a dizzying leap, while productivity defies all forecasts by showing a modest increase — we are forced to the conclusion that our statistical establishment is not providing the reliable basic guidance required for responsible economic planning. Blank spaces at present cover entire areas of the map of economic information and tomorrow we may lack the indicators of where to turn — because we do not know where we stand..."

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VIEWPOINT

Let's talk to new mayors

The elections of the new West Bank mayors present Israel with a challenge and a danger, writes TEDDY PREUSS, a staff member of "Davar." The new leadership can well be what the PLO is not: the Arab entity with whom we can negotiate.

UNTIL April 12, all Arab governments were military dictatorships or feudal monarchies. Lebanon, the sole exception, has been without effective rule for many months, and can be dropped from the list of constitutional governments. On April 12, the freest election the Arab world has ever known was held, putting in power the first leadership to receive a popular mandate.

Paradoxically, these same elections took place under a government of occupation not to the liking of the electorate or the elected. In addition, the freedom of the press enjoyed by the residents of the territories can be found elsewhere in the Arab world only in Lebanon.

What occurred on April 12 is at once a compliment, a challenge and a danger to Israel. A compliment because the officials elected and their opinions are proof of the emptiness of the claims about Israeli "Nazism." Even the London "Economist," which in the past year and a half has become the spokesman for Arab oil interests, yielded to the facts and gave Israel a compliment. The challenge lies in the opportunities likely to develop with the appearance of a popular-mandate leadership; the danger, in the illusion that the status quo can be maintained.

Formally, it can be maintained that the West Bank mayors were elected to see to the installation of sewage systems and street lighting. There is as much truth in this as in the French lie that it was Israel that attacked on June 5, 1967. The "sewage mayors" line will not fool anyone. At most we will deceive ourselves and thus make the same mistake we made in 1967. Then, too, we regarded the mayors and dignitaries of the occupied territories solely as municipal representatives and did not relate to them politically. In the political vacuum we created, it was easy for the anti-hero, Yasir Arafat, to flourish.

From the point of view of establishing political contact with the Arabs of the territories, we stand just where we did in July 1967, but on a more uneasy footing. An overwhelming majority of the new leaders are more extreme in their opinions than Hamdi Kan'an and Ali Ja'abari, but extremism is not cut from a single pattern, and we could entrap ourselves by loose use of the term "extremists."

Among the newly-elected officials there are Ba'athists, Communists of various denominations (quasi-official supporters of the PLO), and not a small number of members of the veteran oligarchy. Supporters of the PLO establishment — also not cut from one block — are merely a

single component of the West Bank local councils. Nevertheless, all those elected have been branded with the PLO label.

The easily-moulted term "PLO-oriented" has been created, to a large extent, by a process of elimination. Since Palestinian nationalism goes by no other name, the terrorist roof-organization has been credited with the status of a national movement. The truth of the matter is the term "PLO-oriented" has no more significance than has "Zionist movement" for an organization that ranges from Herut to Mapam.

ARAFAT UNDERSTANDS better than the Israel Government just how tenuous the common denominator between the "sewage mayors" and the PLO actually is. While we tend to equate the two, the PLO leadership can well distinguish the fissures in the alliance between themselves and those elected on the West Bank. It is the "sewage mayors" who are the real heroes of the Palestinian struggle; it is they who are subject to arrest, to exile, and to having their homes blown up. A road accident in a posh Mercedes is the worst tragedy liable to befall the PLO functionaries stationed in the world's capitals.

The residents of the West Bank are superior to them the way a paratrooper is to a military policeman guarding the entrance to General Staff headquarters. In addition to psychological superiority, the "sewage mayors" possess a significant political advantage: they obtained a mandate from the people in whose midst they live. Arafat and his associates, by comparison, were not elected by any popular body. They are the appointed bureaucrats of sheikhs, tyrants, and a madman who employ them for the realization of their own imperialist aspirations.

Arabists and politicians, well-versed in the secrets of "PLO-ology," point out that in secret headquarters a new term, "bedel" (literally, replacement), has come into use. The fear of "bedel" springs from the absence of a mandate from the people they fight for, and from their lack of connection with these people. Arabists who have followed the veiled utterances of the PLO and Syria detect a note of suspicion in the rhetoric about the national victory of April 12.

And this is not surprising. No despotic party rejoices when an independent movement lines up behind it. This was apparent in the attitude of the victorious revolutionaries in Mexico towards Pancho Villa, in Stalin's suspicion of Mao Tse-tung and Tito, and in the French Communists' hostility towards the student rebellion of 1968. Arafat is now afraid of Shechem and Hebron just as Stalin was apprehensive of Peking and Belgrade.

Che Guevara, the Moses of modern revolutionism, regarded a leader's living among his fighters as a necessary prerequisite for success. And indeed, real guerrilla fighters — Washington, Mao, Ho Chi Min, Tito and Yitzhak Sadeh — did so. They were with their men through thick and thin, not like those high-salaried functionaries, Arafat and George Habash, who hide behind the bayonets of standing armies. This is what creates the PLO's fear of "bedel."

If we act wisely, we can accelerate the "bedel" that will replace the bureaucrats of the Arab capitals. Wisely does not mean by gimmicks or clever deceit. It means a political process involving the renunciation of territory, ancestral right, and the sincere yearnings of our heart. If we want to develop an alternative leadership based upon a political struggle rather than on acts of terrorism, the elected officials of the West Bank must be ensured more than the means of installing sewage systems. A political "Lebanonism" in which cooperation can develop between equals — and not between ruler and ruled — must be created. According to those acquainted with the "sewage mayors," many of them are prepared to resign themselves, albeit joylessly, to the existence of Israel. As an alternative to the PLO this is no small matter. Moreover, since the new leadership has a definite popular mandate it will be difficult to accuse it of treason as the traditional oligarchy in the territories was accused.

RECENT EVENTS in the West Bank (and among Israeli Arabs), the election results and the international situation, all teach us that the status quo is just not feasible. Despite the influence they still exert in social and economic matters, the traditional classes are politically dead. The PLO in its present form is not a partner for negotiation, denying as it does the announcements of various third parties who proclaim purportedly in its name, its willingness to recognize Israel.

Another possibility now being formulated is a Jordanian-Syrian condominium on the West Bank. Anyone who is suspicious of a Palestinian state in the Gaza Strip and on the West Bank should be doubly suspicious of a territory under the rule of a Jordanian-Syrian confederation. Of all these alternatives, a "bedel" Palestinian Government seems the least dangerous and the most promising.

As a first gesture the new mayors must be allowed to install a sewage system worthy of the name; as the second, Kaddum must be evacuated.

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Catalonia — 40 years later

by Mario Rene Dederichs

BARCELONA. — IN 1936 George Orwell went to Spain to report the Civil War. Within days of arriving at the front he changed his pen for a gun. "At that time and in this atmosphere it seemed the only conceivable thing to do," he wrote.

When he left Spain in 1937 many of his ideals were crushed by the cruel realities of the war and the decisive defeat of the left-wing forces of the Republic. The fascists led by Franco won the war and ushered Spain into 40 years of dictatorship.

Today, Franco's era is ending and the forces on the losing side are showing up strongly again. In many respects it is as if the political situation had come out of a deep freeze after Franco's death.

Ever since 1936, when Orwell arrived in Barcelona and found "a town where the working class was the ruling class," where tipping was forbidden by law, and where "well-dressed" people could hardly be met. Red flags or the red-and-black flags of the Anarchists and revolutionary slogans decorated almost every major building. The revolution, Orwell said, "was in full swing." Churches were systematically destroyed, and "equality" was the rule of the day.

Barcelona is now a modern, affluent city. A self-conscious middle class marks its life-style. Every waiter is glad to accept a tip, and you meet almost no people in shabby dress. The flags of Spain and Catalonia are hoisted on the administration buildings and banks. In the cathedral the faithful flock around the Archbishop in order to kiss his ring in devotion. Prosperity and "equality" are in the slum-like working-class suburbs.

There are no signs of revolution. A recent demonstration by striking metal workers led to an overwhelming show of strength from the Police Armada (riot police) equipped with clubs and rifles. Unrest is growing among the Socialists and regrouping Anarchists. But the authorities show that they still pull the strings. The metal workers were dispersed by shots in the air, and a demonstrator was clubbed.

Orwell witnessed the end of the Anarchist-led "revolution" in the spring of 1937. As a member of the Trotskyist P.O.U.M. militia, he was forced to flee from Spain while the Moscow-backed Communists took over with Juan Negrin as their figure-head prime minister. The call for a socialist society was suppressed in order to unify the war effort. Many of Orwell's comrades-in-arms died in prison even before Franco's troops marched into Barcelona in January 1939.

Along Las Ramblas, Barcelona's pedestrian avenue, many places are still basically unchanged from the days when Orwell took part in the P.O.U.M. uprising in May 1937 which led to the fatal crackdown against the militia. The former P.O.U.M. headquarters, Hotel Falcon, is now a hotel, and the same building houses the Barcelona studios of the National Radio. Facing the hotel is the Poliorama Theatre, as in Orwell's day. The Civil Guards were besieged in the Cafe Moka, now a restaurant where you can order local dishes.

Orwell regarded the "decent, fully human life which is now technically achievable" as the "real issue" of the Spanish Civil War. "and perhaps of other wars yet to come." He wanted it to come soon. While most countries in Western Europe are satisfactorily on the way to such a life, in Spain the march might be started now. However, the question marks prevail. And this is another analogy to 1936.

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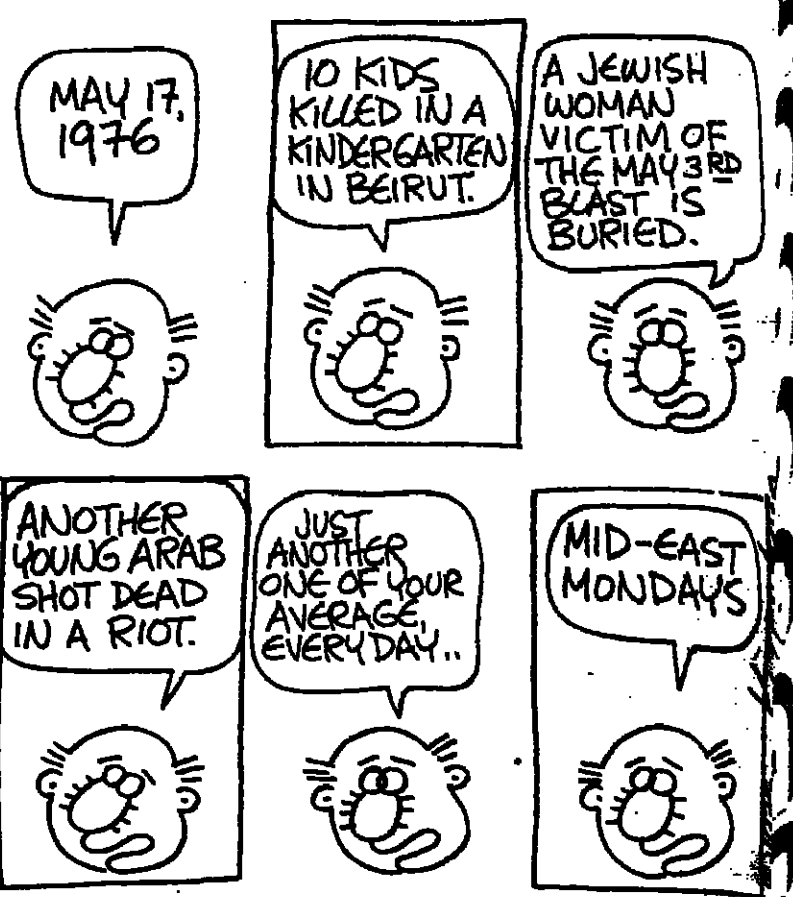
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READERS' LETTERS

Righteous Gentiles
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — The words "decent gentiles" in Maurice Carr's Holocaust article of April 26 are such a gross understatement of the heroism actually displayed by the persons concerned that they are possibly an inaccurate translation of Dr. Yitzhak Arad's text.

If not, however, have not Dr. Arad and Mr. Carr ever asked themselves what they would have done, had they been Gentiles in occupied Europe? This question has often bothered me, and I have come to the conclusion that, even if I had succeeded in mustering the necessary courage to hide a Jew at the risk of my life and probable torture, it would have been wrong of me to do so unless I had been single and without elderly parents.

Is it not arrogance on the part of Jews to expect Gentiles to risk their lives for us? Has any count been made as to how many people risked their lives to save Gypsies, Ukrainians or any of the other minorities into whom Hitler had his knife?

There may be no excuse for the leaders of the world who, living in safety, barely lift a finger at such times. But let us remember that those people who lived in occupied Europe were only human.

NICOLE ROMA
Tel Aviv (London).

TELEPHONE BILLS
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — I can fully understand Ministry of Communications' effort to save money and not to send reminders for telephone bills any more. Now they seem to have even further: they seem to have abolished bills altogether. How would you explain the fact that telephone is suddenly being connected "for non-payment" bill I never received? Similar happened to me in the past — also to friends of mine.

PETER PHIL
Jerusalem.

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For the in people
There is no sign on the door, only the very in people really it that one of the finest places to in Tel Aviv, the Habakkuk Hotel. Here you can enjoy privacy of your own home together with all the luxury of a first class hotel.

The Habakkuk Hotel opened 5 years ago in the vicinity of the Tel Aviv Hilton, the road from the Hilton, Tel Aviv's other top hotels, it is very close to the sea and near lovely Ha'atsum Park, in the pleasant area of Tel Aviv, at 7 Rehov Habakkuk (Tel. 443110).

In all, there are 26 apartments, various sizes, ranging from one to two rooms, with from two to 10 beds. All the rooms are exquisitely furnished to suit the most discerning of tastes, with beautiful furniture and wall-to-wall carpeting. Each flat has a kitchenette equipped with a refrigerator and gas-electric stove, though utensils are not supplied. There are separate bathroom and toilets.

And together with all this, you have absolutely no household worries. The apartments are cleaned daily, bed linen is supplied as well as towels and kitchen towels. There is constant hot water and in summer the apartments are air-conditioned while in the winter they are heated. And of course each apartment has television, radio and telephone.

Management of the hotel, experienced in creating a special atmosphere, offering superior service, points out that the public rooms are being joined with the adjacent hotel, being built by the same firm.

The hotel is very popular with foreign embassies, which frequent it, and a number of the exquisite reserved for diplomats and other visitors.

This article appeared in "This Week in Israel." The hotel is recommended by the Israel Ministry of Tourism.

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Lag Ba'omer on wheels

BY DAVID BRADNER

EIGHT O'CLOCK! I pushed my self out of bed, curled up, yawned, and looked at the clock. It was ten hours behind schedule! I assumed that only five minutes ago the flames of last night's bonfire danced before my eyes. I dressed and breakfasted hurriedly, and in a flash was downstairs. As I put foot to pedal, I was moved to echo once again those famous old words, "O.K. Sammy, let's have a little travelling music ... The old bike go, alive and perky beneath me. As we passed a couple of poor, over-burdened donkeys on our way through East Jerusalem, I was reminded of a bit of 19th century cyclical doggerel:



*It never runs away
 And does not take much to
 be fast;
 It's thoroughly reliable —
 The "new" velocipede,
 Upon the legs you work
 your legs
 And feet demands its speed;
 And that's about the total of
 The new Velocipede.*

The old bike and I now bob-
 bed up and down over the Judean
 hills. It felt as though we were
 sailing along on a wavy sea with
 a nice, fresh breeze. Suddenly
 the trip got exciting — we just
 passed the famous Sea Level
 sign. From there it was just a
 matter of leaning back and slid-
 ing down the chute. The shim-
 mering Dead Sea lay below us.
 It alone like a gargantuan silver
 platter — a rather empty one
 at that.

We arrived in Qumran at about
 the same time as a bus load of
 Americans. We easily got to talk-
 ing, and before I knew it I was
 tagging along with their tour.
 Their guide began his spiel:
 "Qumran, some 2,000 years ago,
 was the home of the Essenes, a

A case for sex education

BY SHOSHANA BIENBAUM

"DO MY PUPILS come to me with questions about sex?—I'm quite sure about that, but I don't know about it than I do." Such was the attitude of one twelfth-grade teacher. In fact, I was soon to discover that attitudes regarding sex education in school vary from one extreme to the other—even in the same school!

The most interesting difference in the general attitude towards sex education is undoubtedly between the public and the private high schools. When I visited the religious Ives Gimel school by telephone, and asked the principal whether I could interview him concerning sex education in his school, he replied: "There is none." Yet, when I made the same request at the secular Gymnasie Privative, the principal Dr. Ezrati told me: "How interesting! I don't see why any further; sex education is so much a part of it is worth while to say further."

Dr. Yegoroff, who has drawn a firm line between what he calls "sex explanation" and "sex education," the former, he explained, concerns the process of the reproduction of man, and is the easier of the two, while the latter covers the sexual relationship, venereal disease, and the control of contraception. "This is, where the problem lies," he says.

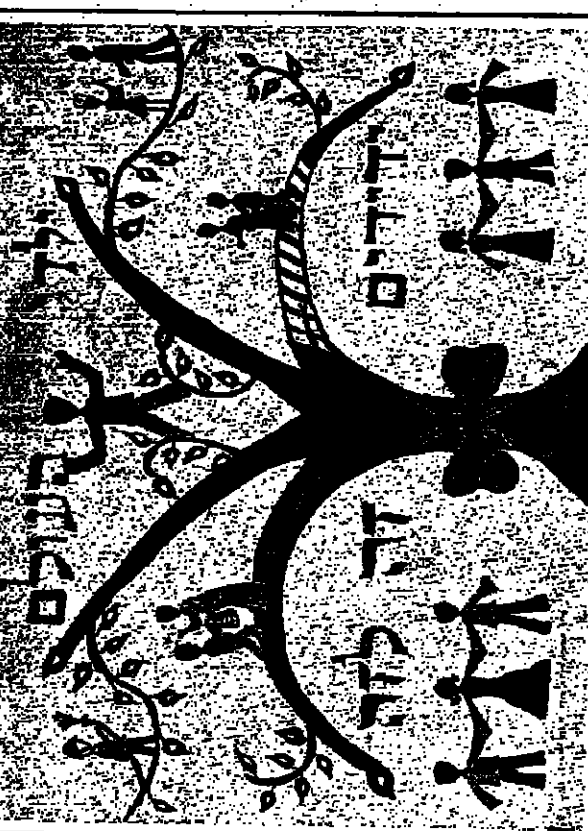


For in order to do the job properly, you must know how to explain and educate," he had explained to me a little while ago. Resented the high school, he arrived at the gymnasium, but that education was not what he referred to. He was referred to something entirely different from the education given by Gymnasiums. "The religious school," explained Dr. Avron, the president of the Education League, "there is a subject of Jewish law comes under the Jewish laws dealing with family purity and the necessary observances are given when we discuss these laws."

According to Jewish law, sexual relations are forbidden before marriage. Thus, the whole topic

Lag Ba'omer on wheels

The luxuriant foliage of El Gedí was a welcome change. It was getting late already, so hitting the old bike to a con-
 cumption of the interior, I had no sooner entered the walled city than I heard the raving wind
 heard a dull thud of something falling beside me. "Mamma from Heaven," I thought. Indeed, tradi-
 tion has it that the manna the Children of Israel ate during their forty years in the desert first began falling on the 33rd day—now Lag B'omer. Again
 that Cloud of dirt were falling all about me. I was blind-
 ing my breath while diving for cover. Looking up, I saw I had war-
 dered ankle-deep into the middle of an amateb into. They were all over the cliffs above me. "Can't you chaps walk around up



"Back on the road again, the old bike altered through the air like a bullet buzz-saw. The sun was red-hot, and the mountains across the sea were a range of blue with reflected light. I could not help but think back to the time of last evening. The air had chilled considerably. Berrie Masada loomed up into view.

"How long did it take you?" asked a fellow hostler that evening.

"All day, but we didn't exactly push ourselves."

"They've got a great idea," chimed in another. "Why don't you cycle up Masada? It would be a first."

"I'm sure it would, but I think I've enough firsts for one day, thank you. I slept very soundly last night. I slept out on the old bike on the 8th of September."

Making the most of Children's Week

THIS IS Children's Week, a week during which the world is urged to think about youth, the factors that unite it, and its ability to find self-expression in the arts. Among the sponsors of the occasion is UNICEF, one of the few UN bodies that has not been undermined by partisan political action.

Some young cynics may wonder what happens to youth during the colder days of the year. Apart from this week, are they overlooked and to seek some kind of unity rather than to quarrel with it? In the same way their parents and grandparents do? Does anybody advise them for more than seven days, or exhort their creativity in art and words?

George Bernard Shaw said, "Youth is a wonderful thing: what a crime to waste it on children." There is an old proverb that children should be seen and not heard. Unfortunately despite a lot of lip service to the concept that youth should have the right to help to reshape the world, they practice the adult points of view expressed by Shaw and that proverb still prevail.

It would not matter that youth was being ignored if the adults were not making such a mess of the world. All the hopes of creating a new and better and fairer society after World War II have now evaporated. The United Nations, which was to be a beacon of light, has been virtually extinguished just as the League of Nations was before it. Aboa Elian once proposed that if the Soviet bloc and the Arabs brought forward a proposition that the earth was flat, they would easily muster 40 votes in favour of this resolution. That was a few years ago; today his idea has become a fact, except that now 120 nations and South Africa, China against, and a handful of European and South American states might abstain.

The whole idea of the UN, like Childcare, was to stress the diversity underlying unity in the world. The theory was that people could get together, agree to disagree, and try to work out compromises. This has now become impossible. For a long time well-wishers of the UN found some consolation for the frustrations in the Assembly and the Security Council by stressing the wonderful work done by the UN agencies, such as UNESCO and the World Health Organisation. Israel participated to the full in these inspiring activities. When this was noticed by our enemies, they promptly wrecked these agencies as well.

One of the great dreams about the UN promoting world-wide understanding of the UN's UNICEF remains, perhaps by an oversight on the part of the Soviet Union, that it will be a place where we can enjoy it. So we must not be too disappointed if the UN fails. In fact, it might be a good idea to try to expand world-wide youth solidarity to at least two weeks, and, after that, even to a month or two.

Pleased to meet you

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